

Upazila roundup

SATKHIRA Husband kills wife

From Our Correspondent
June 26: One housewife was brutally killed by her husband at the victim's father's house recently.

It is gathered that one Fatih Chandra Das of Kathal Tala under Satkhira Pourashava married one Sabitri Rani Das of village Joyanagar under Kalaroa Upazila six years back. Sabitri Rani went to her father's house on June 10 last. Fatih Chandra Das went to his father-in-law's house on June 16 and at the dead of night he hit his wife Sabitri with brick. As a result, she died on the spot.

Later, the neighbours of the deceased caught him red-handed and handed him to the police.

A case was lodged with Kalaroa Police Station in this connection.

MUNSHIGANJ Police action on journalists condemned

From Our Correspondent
June 26: Munshiganj Press Club arranged a meeting here at the club premises to protest Sunday's police atrocities in National Press Club.

All the newsmen of Munshiganj district attended the meeting.

The speakers expressed their solidarity with the programme taken by Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists.

Condemning the police action against the journalists, they demanded resignation of Home Minister, Information Minister and the Inspector General of Police.

The meeting was presided over by the Vice-President, Sunirmal Krishna of Munshiganj Press Club.

PABNA Prize distribution ceremony held

From Our Correspondent
June 26: The annual prize distribution ceremony of Vangura College was held at college premises recently.

Abdul Aziz Khan, Principal of the College presided over the meeting. Shaikh Asfaq Ali, UNO and Advocate Muzibur Rahman and Vice-President of Vangura BNP unit was present as chief guest and special guests respectively.

Later, Principal Abdul Aziz distributed the prizes among the students. The function was addressed among others by Zafar Iqbal (Hirok) and Rahamatullah (Ramal), the present and past Vice-presidents of the college student union.

Our Correspondent adds: A 20-day long training course on Irrigation and Water Development was held at the auditorium of Vangura Central Cooperative Society recently.

Khondaker Imdadul Hoque, Deputy Director of AED, Zahurul Alam, Deputy Director of BRDB were addressed at the training programme.

KISHOREGANJ Miscreants abduct school girl

From Our Correspondent
June 26: Poppy, a school girl, was abducted by a group of miscreants at gun-point in village Aranyapasha under Nandail upazila recently.

According to a source, the miscreants led by one Rana entered the house of late Abdur Rashid by breaking open the door and blasted several cocktails creating panic among the inmates of the house and neighbours.

The miscreants thereafter took away Poppy forcibly and they managed to flee away by riding motor cycles. On the way, the police challenged the group near village Palahar and caught several miscreants namely Firoz, Shamim, Mizanur Rahman, Abu Ayub and Azharul.

Later, they were handed over to the Nandail Police.

It is worth mentioning here that Rana the alleged hero of abduction proposed to marry Poppy but her guardians did not agree with their proposal and the marriage of Poppy was scheduled to be solemnised with one Shamsul Huda of the same village on the next day. The police, however, could not yet rescue the abducted girl.

Another report adds: The body of a young girl named Manjura Khatun (16) of village Ahmedpur in Nandail upazila was recovered by the police recently.

The body was found floating in Bakua beel. Police later sent the body to the morgue of Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital for autopsy and a case was lodged in this connection.

SIRAJGANJ Tax Lawyers' Assoc election held

From Our Correspondent
June 26: Election of Sirajganj Tax Lawyers' Association was held in the local Bar office with Advocate Anwarul Islam in the chair.

Advocate Nazrul Islam and Tulshi Das Poddar were elected the President and General Secretary respectively of 11-member Sirajganj Tax Lawyers' Association of the year 1992-93.

CHUADANGA One commits suicide

From Our Correspondent
June 26: One Siraj Ali (27) son of one Tofazzel Hossain of village Bhandoroda under Chuadanga Sadar Upazila committed suicide by hanging himself with a jack-fruit tree by rope adjacent to his residence recently.

It is learnt that the said Siraj had a quarrel with the other members of his family and out of emotion and anger, he committed suicide.

He is the father of two children, it is learnt.

JHENIDAH Rival groups clash leaves 7 injured

From Our Correspondent
June 26: Seven people including a woman were injured and property worth about Taka one lakh looted during the clash between the two rival groups of villagers of Kaylanpur in sadar thana recently.

According to eyewitnesses, clash erupted when a group of about 50 people headed by Momen Sarder carrying deadly weapons suddenly attacked on their rival groups of Monirul Joarder. The attackers demanded tolls and looted away household belongings including 4 cows, 7 goats, food grains, gold ornament etc. from the six houses of Abdul Bari Joarder, Bashir Joarder, Lukman Joarder, Malak Joarder, Thandul Joarder and Mokammel Joarder. Past village enmity was the reason behind the attack, it is learnt.

The four critically injured Monirul Joarder (26), Reajul Joarder (28), Bari Joarder (45) and Jobaida Khajun (40) were admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

Three separate cases were filed with Jhenidah police station in this connection.

CHANDPUR 20 hurt in clash

June 26: At least 20 people were injured when Jamaat workers clashed with their adversaries at Natunbazar Thursday last, reports UNB.

Abdul Quddus, identified as Shibir activist, was admitted to Chandpur Sadar hospital with severe injuries while 5 were released after first aid. Others were treated in private clinics, witnesses said.

The clash ensued when opponents started brickbattling a street corner meeting of Jamaat organised to protest killing of its worker in Rangpur and attack in other places during the countrywide hartal on Saturday and Sunday, said police and witnesses.

Both sides used lethal weapons during the clash. Police soon rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

RAJBARI Dacoits decamp with valuables

June 26: Dacoits raided a house in the town and decamped with valuables worth about Tk 70,000 recently, reports UNB.

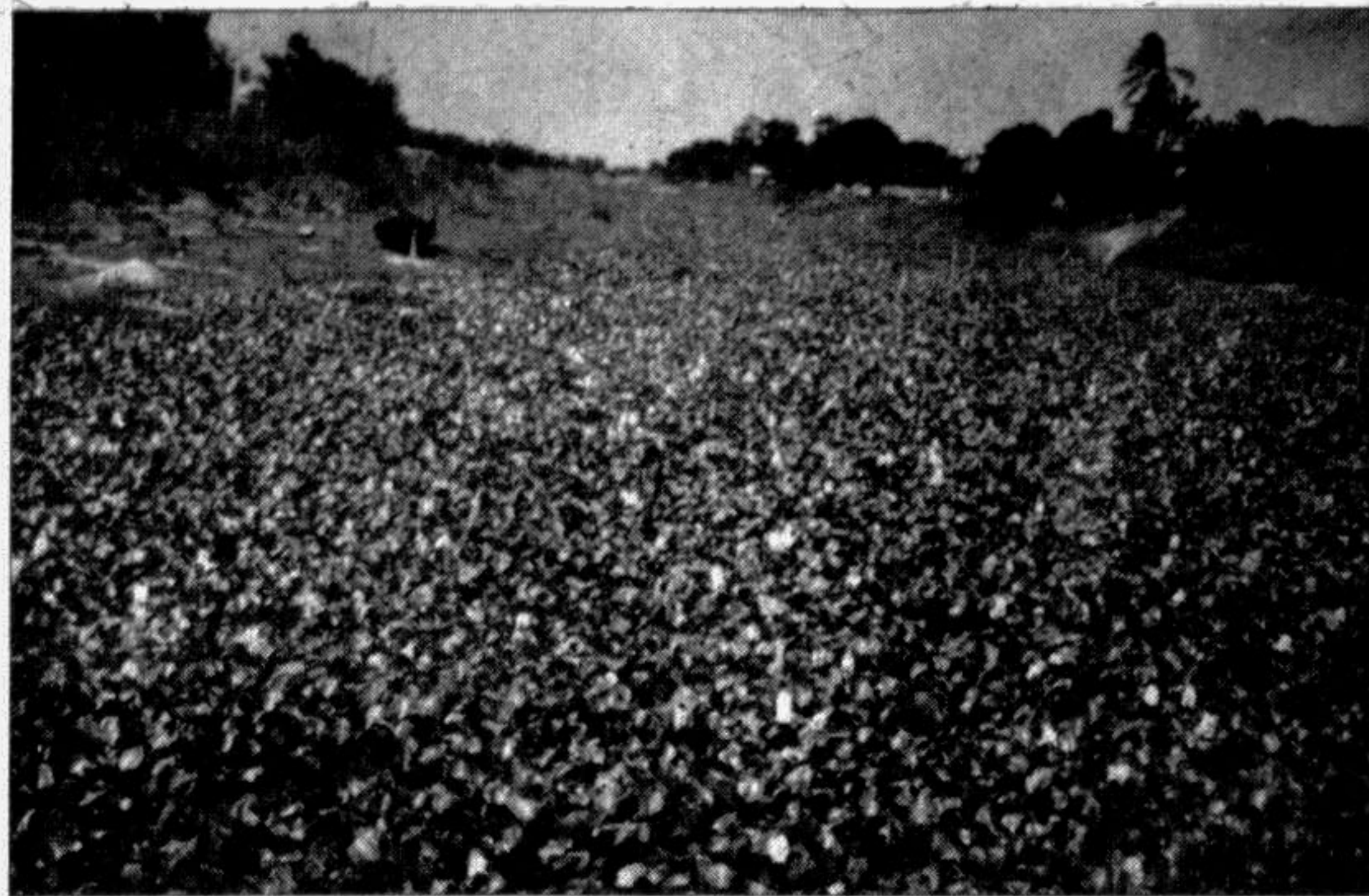
A group of dacoits armed with lethal weapons entered the house of Abbas Ali, a businessman at Legepara on Monday night.

They tied the inmates and looted all valuable goods including ornaments, radio, camera and prize bonds worth about Tk 70,000 at gun point.

Superintendent of Police visited the spot and a case was filed with local police in this connection.

It may be mentioned that law and order situation in the district has deteriorated to a great extent over the last few weeks.

The residents of town are passing their days in great insecurity and urged the authorities to take step to check the menace.



FARIDPUR: The river Kumar and Shitalakhya have been filled with largescale growth of waterhyacinth which has stopped plying of cargo and passenger vessels. — Star photo

Better quality, lower price attract buyers

Smuggling unabated along border districts

SATKHIRA, June 26 : Smugglers in Jessore, Satkhira and Jhenidah districts are still active despite government special drive to curb it.

The contraband goods are being sold in different markets unabated.

According to reports, border districts are the main transit points of smuggling. Every night huge quantity of contraband goods are smuggled into Bangladesh territory from the neighbouring country, India and these are being transported to surrounding districts through different routes.

Some organised gang of smugglers including a class of dishonest businessmen are involved in this illegal trade for a long time.

The main smuggling goods are: sugar, salt, sarces, blouse-pieces, lungis, fertilizer, pesticides, liquor, cosmetics, razor blade, bicycle parts, spices, other spare parts, onion, garlic, cattle, hide and skin, and medicine.

Like other vehicles, the smugglers use to transport the goods by road to specific

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places and then it is distributed to different markets of the various districts including the capital city.

On the otherhand, electronic goods, pen, raw jute, gold, silver, bronze, brass, polyester clothes, old garments and various kinds of vitamin powder are being smuggled out of the country through the same transit points.

The people of our country prefer the Indian goods instead of our country-made goods as the quality of the production is comparatively better and the prices are also low.

As a result, the smuggled goods from India have been flooded the local markets of the country while the country-made goods remain unsold for its high prices and low quality.

The World Environment Day was observed at the town and other upazilas of the district in a befitting manner.

To mark the occasion, a rally was organised which paraded the main roads of the town. The processionists carried banners with slogans 'Only one earth', 'share and care'. Later, a discussion meeting

was also held at Polish High School premises. Presided over by Md Sadek Ali, Headmaster Polish High School, the function was attended by Abdul Malek, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Satkhira as chief guest.

Representatives from different government and non-government organisations took part in the discussion.

Four dacoities were committed at village Dhandia under Tala Upazila on the same night recently.

It is reported that a group of dacoits numbering about 15 to 20 armed with deadly weapons raided the houses of Uttam Saha, Asok Saha, Nakul Saha and Sushil Saha at dead of night and entered into the houses by breaking open the doors.

The dacoits took away cash, ornament and other valuable goods worth about Taka four lakh.

The dacoits also blasted hand bombs to create panic in the area.

Four separate cases were registered with the police in these connections.

Notes from Barisal

BARISAL, June 26 : Government has appointed two registration officers, nine assistant registration officers and 67 supervisors for the preparation of electoral rolls of Barisal Sadar and Bakergonj Pourashavas. The draft list will be prepared according to schedule as announced by the Election Commission for the pourashavas, reports BSS.

The draft voters list of Barisal, Bakergonj pourashavas will be made public on July 12. The final list will be published on September 26 next, official sources, said.

There were 99,521 voters including 39,976 female voters in the previous list for Barisal Pourashava, Bakergonj Pourashava was created subsequently the source added.

Misceants kill one
UNB report says: A man was killed by a gang of miscreants at Kosabar village in Bakergonj upazila of the district recently.

Police said the miscreants demanded toll from the victim Amrita Pike (32) but when refused they beat him mercilessly and killed him on their way back.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy and a case has been lodged with the police.

45,453 HSC candidates in JB
A total of 45,453 candidates will appear for the Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (HSC) beginning June 25 from 16 districts of Khulna Division under Jessore Board (JB).

According to an official source 32,156 candidates are male and the rest female. A total of 144 centres have been set up this year in these districts to conduct examinations. A total of 31,589 students have been appearing in humanities group 6277 in science and 7493 in commerce.

Sharbahara Party member held
An activist of outlawed Sharbahara Party was arrested from his house at Isarmura village in Sadar upazila of the district recently.

Acting on secret information, police raided the house of Lakiatullah (27) and recovered two pipe guns, one ramdam and a spear from his possession.

A case has been lodged with the Kotwali police.

Two children of same family drowned

GAIBANDHA, June 26: Two children of the same family were drowned Thursday in Bhagabanpur village of Sadar upazila recently, reports UNB.

The victims, identified as Shirin (6), daughter of Mabud Mia and her cousin Farhad (7), son of Khoka Mia of the same village in Ramchandrapur union.

Shirin and Farhad were drowned in a nearby pond.

In another accident an unidentified youngster (25) was killed at the Bonapara railway junction recently.

The accident occurred when the Dinajpur bound Ekata Express hit the person standing near the railway tract.

BAU Teachers' 'Mukhopatra' published

AGRI-VARSITY (Mypensingh), June 26 : The 'Mukhopatra', the annual magazine of Bangladesh Agricultural University Teachers Association for the year 1991, has recently been published here, reports BSS.

It contains a number of in-depth studies on various problems prevalent in the university campuses of the country, including a seminar proceeding on the unique features of higher agricultural education.

Edited by Dr Ataur Rahman the magazine contains articles written by Dr Kazi M Badruddoza, Prof M Hussain, Prof A Halim, Prof N H Khan, Dr M A Kashem, M M Rahman, Prof A Haque and R Amin.

Youngman dies from snake bite

JHENIDAH, June 26 : A youngman while escaping arrest died from snake bite at the bank of river Kalindai in Shailakupa upazila early Monday, police said, reports UNB.

Police was searching the victim Reazuddin Mollah (30) of Haroondia village in the upazila in connection with a village clash occurred earlier. Sensing police arrival Reaz managed to flee from his residence early in the morning and while passing along the bank of the river met the tragic end of his life.

The body was sent to Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Debt-riddin farmers selling crops in advance

KISHOREGANJ, June 26 : Due to economic hardship the farmers of the district are being compelled to sell their crops to the money lenders in advance at a nominal price.

The farmers alleged that even after harvesting crops they do not get fair price of their produce owing to faulty marketing system.

Taking full advantage of the situation the local money lenders are doing brisk business by granting loans at high rates of interest against the security of the crops in fields.

Moreover, a large number of landless people who do not find employment as agricultural labourers have been passing their days in extreme hardships. They are compelled to sell their utensils and domestic animals to maintain their livelihood.

Prices of bullocks have also recorded a sharp fall as a large number of farmers in the district are forced to sell their draft animals due to acute shortage of fodder.

Besides, a good number of farmers who cultivated sweet potatoes in vast char areas have been facing problems with their produce due to short fall in its prices.

Another report adds: Plying of cargo vessels and passenger launches from Bhatrab to Sachna of Sunamganj district and vice-versa has become hazardous over the last few years due to the absence of the guiding marks (Arkati) in the rivers.

9 get lifeterm for murder in separate cases

MAULVI BAZAR, June 26: Nine persons were awarded to life imprisonment in two separate cases at Habigonj district, recently.

In the first case, Muhammad Jahurul Haq, District and Sessions Judge, Habigonj has awarded four persons to life imprisonment on charge of murder.

The accused persons are Haris Ali, Dhanu Miah Member, Firoze Ali and Monuhal Ali of Mokrapur village under Baniachong upazila.

The case in brief is that Haris Ali of village Mokrapur had lodged a case in Baniachong police that, his wife Nurjahan Begum was murdered by some miscreants on November 11, 1988. He recovered the body of his wife on November 14, 1988 at Baniashahar Bondor area of the same upazila. Police, after investigation submitted charge-sheet against arrested four persons.

After this confession of Nurjahan Begum before the magistrate, police started a case against Haris Ali and his associates, who earlier lodged a case on said murder of Nurjahan. Police charge sheeted against 19 persons including Haris Ali.

The learned Judge, after

examining evidences of witnesses found, Haris and other 3 persons guilty of murder the maid-servant and involved with the conspiracy of harassment to the opponents and awarded them life-imprisonment and also fined Taka one hundred each, in default to suffer 7 days RI more. The learned Judge acquitted other 15 persons on the charge.

Another report adds: Abdul Hannan, Additional District and Sessions Judge of Habigonj in a recent judgment sentenced 5 persons to lifeterm on charge of killing 3 persons.

The accused persons are Nurul Ameen, Idris Miah, Abdul Zaber, Abdun-Nur and Ratan Kumer Suklabaidya.

The prosecution story in brief is that railway police of Sayestagonj recovered the bodies of Abdul Kadir, Abdul Zail and another unidentified woman from Sutang Railway Bridge under Akhaura-Sayestagonj Section in 1987.

After the investigation, police charge-sheeted against 6 persons, and the learned Judge, after examining the evidences and records, found 5 persons guilty of the crime and awarded them life imprisonment and fined Taka one thousand each, in default to suffer 3 months RI more. The learned Judge acquitted another person from the case.

3 killed in road mishaps, one hacked to death

RANGPUR, June 26: One person was killed and 17 others were injured in separate accidents on the Rangpur-Kurigram road during the last two days, police said, reports UNB.

In one accident, four people were injured when a Lalmonirhat bound jeep lost its control and rammmed into a road side tree Wednesday at Rajhat.

The jeep passengers Meru (25), Nazrul Islam (35), Abdul Quddus (34) and Abul Hossain (32) were rushed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Nazrul Islam, former commissioner of Lalmonirhat Pourashava later succumbed to injuries at the hospital.

In another accident 14 people were injured when a speeding truck turned turtle and fell into a road side ditch at Mahigonj Satmatha Sunday (June 22).

The Rangpur bound truck was coming from Kurigram. Driver of the truck fled the scene.

The injured persons were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Two separate cases were filed with the local police in these connections.

Another UNB report says: Two sisters of the same family

were killed by a speeding truck on the Nagorbari-Bogra highway last Wednesday.

The sisters identified as Molina (7) and Amina (5) were daughters of Amor Ali of Kawak village in Ullapara upazila.

Eyewitness and police said Molina and Amina were hit by a Nagorbari bound truck while crossing the road.

The sisters were returning home with Kachushak from the field near their house.

The driver fled the scene. A case has been filed with the Ullapara police. No one has been arrested yet.

UNB report adds: An employee of Chowhali upazila was killed in broad daylight Thursday last.

Amzad Hossain (38), a telephone and wireless operator, was hacked to death by some miscreants while he was going for bath to river Jamuna, police said.

But his colleagues said Amzad was going to his residence for lunch from his office when he came under the attack.

Police said the victim was killed following clash over land affairs.

One-person was arrested in this connection and a case lodged with Chowhali police.

92 health projects complete in Barisal

BARISAL, June 26: Construction Management Cell (CMC) of Health and Family Welfare Ministry has so far completed 92 projects at a cost of Tk 2,37,00,000 in Greater Barisal and Faridpur districts, reports BSS.

The area now falls under the districts of Barisal, Jhalakathi, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Barguna in Greater Barisal and Faridpur, Rajbari, Madaripur, Gopalganj and Shariatpur in Greater Faridpur district.

According to an official source, the projects included repair and extension of union family welfare centres and the rest maternity and child welfare centres.

The projects were implemented under the financial assistance of the World Bank

(WB), the source said. The average expenditure on family welfare centre was Taka 1,87,000 and on maternity and child welfare centres was Taka 14,00,000.

A UNB report says: The Public Health Engineering Department has sunk about 7000 shallow and deep tubewells to ensure supply of drinking water and irrigation facilities in six southern districts of the country.

The districts are: Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Jhalakathi, Barguna and Madaripur.

According to official sources, of the total, 5076 are deep and 1894 are shallow tubewells.

According to official sources, 718 deep tubewells have been installed with the financial assistance of Saudi government.



BOGRA: Mozamthel Haque Lahu, Editor of the local daily 'Karota' taking the prize of honour from Anil Saha, President Secretary of Shiliguri (West Bengal, India) Sub-division Council for his best performance in developing local newspaper. This function was arranged by Uttar Bangla Natya of Shiliguri recently. — Star photo